

Remarks

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 23-109, which previously were withdrawn as restricted and drawn to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 on the ground of a non-statutory obviousness type double patenting rejection as being unpatentable over claim 66 of co-pending application 09/838,993. Claims 3-22 were objected to as being dependent on an objected/rejected base claim.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. No conclusion or estoppel should be drawn as to whether or not the claims in the present application are or are not patentably distinct based on Applicants filing the Terminal Disclaimer. Applicants merely desire to have this application passed to issuance as quickly as possible.

Applicants' attorney previously spoke to the Examiner about Applicants submitting system claims that correspond to the pending method claims. The Examiner instructed Applicants' attorney to submit those claims in an amendment upon allowance of the pending claims. The rejections and objections to the pending claims have been overcome. Therefore, Applicants are including the corresponding system claims 110-131 in this Response. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing this amendment. No fees are required for the amended claims.

The references cited by the Examiner and made of record have been reviewed by Applicants. Applicant has no further remarks with regard to the cited references.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the Applicants' invention as defined by the claims is patentable over the references of record. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Applicants' attorney welcomes the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner in the event that there are any questions or comments regarding the response or the application.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Examiner's Office action mailed on March 23, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

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